

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**Chapter 11**

**Case No. 23-13237-pmm**

In re:  
**TRI-STATE PAPER, INC.**

Debtor.

**FIRST AND FINAL FEE APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT  
OF EXPENSES OF RICHARD E. FURTEK, CPA AS SUBCHAPTER V TRUSTEE FOR THE  
PERIOD October 31, 2023 THROUGH April 4, 2024**

In accordance with 11 U.S.C. §§ 330, 331 of the Bankruptcy Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and Rule 2016-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (the “Local Rules”), Richard E. Furtek, CPA (“Trustee Furtek”) as Subchapter V Trustee in the above-captioned case of the Debtor (the “Debtor”), hereby applies (the “Application”) for first and final award of compensation in the amount of \$5,280.50 and reimbursement in the amount of \$50.00 for the period from 10/31/2023 through 4/4/2024 (the “Application Period”). In support of this Application, Trustee Furtek represents as follows:

**Preliminary Statement and Background**

1. On October 31, 2023, Trustee Furtek was appointed by the United States Trustee as Subchapter V Trustee in this bankruptcy case.
2. All services rendered and expenses incurred for which compensation or reimbursement is requested were performed or incurred as Subchapter V Trustee.
3. The services described in this Application are actual, necessary services and the corresponding compensation requested is fair and reasonable.

4. The expenses of Trustee Furtek described in this Application are actual, necessary expenses.

**General Information and Introduction**

5. The Application Period is from 10/31/2023 through 4/4/2024.

6. This is Trustee Furtek's first and final application filed in this case.

Application Date	Application Period	Requested Fees	Requested Expenses	Total
4/16/2024	10/31/2023 through 4/4/2024	\$5,280.50	\$50.00	\$5,330.50

7. A voluntary petition to proceed under Chapter 11 Subchapter V was filed on 10/27/2023.

8. Trustee Furtek was appointed on 10/31/2023.

9. Trustee Furtek applies for compensation for the Application Period under § 330 and § 331 of the Bankruptcy Code. Any compensation awarded to Trustee Furtek will be paid from the bankruptcy estate.

**a. Billing Summary**

1. Trustee Furtek has not previously filed a fee application in this case.

2. In general, the services rendered by Trustee Furtek as Subchapter V Trustee during the Application Period included the following:

- a. Review motions filed by the Debtor and other parties of interest;
- b. Appear at hearings;
- c. Review proofs of claim filed against the estate;
- d. Communicating with creditors;
- e. Confer with Debtor's counsel regarding the plan of reorganization.

**b. Fee Summary**

17. Trustee Furtek expended 19.3 hours during the Application Period rendering the above services. Attached as Exhibit A is a chronological list of Trustee Furtek's professional hours detailing services rendered for the Application Period. The total fees that Trustee Furtek incurred for services rendered, as reflected on Exhibit A, was \$5,280.50. Non-working travel time is billed at 50% of normal rates.

18. The hours and corresponding fees for which Trustee Furtek is seeking compensation detailed in Exhibit A are summarized as follows:

**Application Period Project Category Summary**

<b>Project Category</b>	<b>Task Code</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Administration	B110	5.00	\$1,475.00
Meetings of and Communications with Creditors	B150	1.70	\$ 501.50
Fee/Employment Applications	B160	1.00	\$ 295.00
Fee/Employment Objections	B170	.40	\$ 118.00
Non-Working Travel	B195	2.80	\$ 413.00
Claims Administration and Objections	B310	1.20	\$ 354.00
Plan and Disclosure Statement	B320	7.20	\$2,124.00
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,280.50</b>

**Application Period Expense Categories Summary**

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Court Fees	\$0.00
PACER/Online Research	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00
Copying	\$0.00
Parking	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

**Certification and Notice**

19. In accordance with the factors enumerated in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, Trustee Furtek believes the amounts requested for compensation and expenses reimbursement are fair and reasonable given (a) the complexity of this case; (b) the time expended; (c) the nature and

extent of the services rendered; (d) the value of such services; and (e) the costs of comparable services other than in a case under this title.

20. Pursuant to the Local Rules, Trustee Furtek is serving a copy of this Application upon the United States Trustee, Debtor, Debtor's counsel, and all parties requesting notice pursuant to F.R.B.P. 2002.

WHEREFORE, Richard E. Furtek, CPA respectfully requests a final award of compensation in the amount of \$5,280.50 and reimbursement in the amount of \$50.00 for the period from 10/31/2023 through 4/4/2024.

Dated: 4/16/2024

FURTEK & ASSOCIATES, LLC

By: /s/ Richard E. Furtek  
*Subchapter V Trustee*

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